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SUBJECT: FRENCH RESPONSE TO CUBA RESOLUTION

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Classified By: Political Minister-Counselor Josiah Rosenblatt, reasons  
1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Francois Vandeville, responsible for human rights in the MFA's United Nations and International Organizations bureau. Vandeville stated frankly that the draft in its present form was a poor resolution. While supposing that the modest text, making no reference to the freeing of political prisoners, was drafted to ensure passage, Vandeville noted that the result was a resolution that lacked substance. Vandeville remarked that the EU had no consolidated position on the resolution, but that France, which had co-sponsored the Cuba resolutions in the 59th and 60th sessions, would be willing to co-sponsor again, but is supportive of stronger language. (Vandeville did not offer specific suggestions for beefing up its substance.) As-written, France is uncertain of its co-sponsorship.  
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